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## CHINA.

### *Plague in Canton and vicinity diminishing.*

[No. 123.]

CANTON, CHINA, *August 5, 1901.*

SIR: In further continuation of my No. 118 concerning plague conditions in this consular district, I have the honor to report as follows:

The plague has almost entirely disappeared from Canton, and the hospital boats for the treatment of plague patients have been transferred from their moorings in the Pearl River, above the French Folly and opposite to Canton, to temporary stations below the leper village.

There are no reports, official or otherwise, of new cases either at Hanam or Fa Ti, and it is safe to assume from encouraging reports just to hand, that the epidemic is fast disappearing from the district of Swatow and its immediate vicinity.

The Rev. Rees F. Edwards, of the American Presbyterian Mission, whose communication from Lien Chow, under date of June 22, 1901, has just been received, writes that "thus far, no case of bubonic plague is noted here. It has been the experience of foreigners here that there have been none prevalent in this region, and no history of any, except an occasional case from Canton or vicinity."

Respectfully, ROBERT M. MCWADE.
*United States Consul.*

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

## COLOMBIA.

### *Report from Bocas del Toro—Fruit port.*

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *September 18, 1901.*

SIR: I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended September 17, 1901:

Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 15. Prevailing diseases, malarial fevers. The 15 deaths above noted as being "from other causes," is the number killed in an engagement between the Colombian Government forces and the revolutionary party on September 14, 1901, at Old Bank, about 2½ miles from Bocas del Toro. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, fairly good. There has been an increase of malarial fever during the past week. It is quite difficult to state the exact condition, owing to the exodus of the people due to the unsettled condition of affairs existing at this point. There has been an additional force of about 150 Government troops brought here from other parts of Colombia, but all have seemed in good condition. Yesterday I learned that all had been removed to Colon, with the exception of about 20.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: September 11, steamship *Harald;* crew, 19; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. September 15,